

Operational Update for Commissioner Lucki's Briefing with Minister Blair

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Ottawa

- Since the beginning of the operation, 233 arrests have been made, and over 74 vehicles towed from the area (as of 9:32 PM Saturday, February 19th, 2022).
 - Stats from Saturday, February 19, 2022 only – 110 arrests, 36 heavy tows completed.
- There is currently a 7-day hold on towed vehicles before they can be picked up by owners.
- As of 7:33 PM, Wellington Street has been cleared (92 vehicles to start).
- Fencing installed: Elgin Street to Bay Street along Sparks Street. Parliamentary access at Kent Street.
- Three uniform checkpoints established: Kent/Sparks, Kent/Bay, and Bay/Wellington
- Fencing unable to be completed beyond Kent Street (West) until morning due to logistical issues.
- 50 cement barriers delivered for continued secure zone strengthening today.
- As of 9:32 PM approximately 150-200 people in the crowd respecting the fence line.
- As of 5:17 PM – 21 vehicles and 2 RVs on Sir John A McDonald Parkway – tow trucks en route with OPS escorts to tow vehicles should occupants refuse to leave.
- Information has been provided that some vehicles are leaving remaining sites willingly.
- Significant misinformation is circulating on social media, including that police have beat up protesters, that police have deployed tear gas, etc. Ottawa Police has been quick to quash misinformation via their Twitter feed, providing accurate, up-to-date information.
- Portage and Chaudière bridges are open in the Quebec-bound direction only.
- Occupants at Coventry are starting to dismantle and advise they need 2-3 days to vacate. As of 7:33PM there were approximately 50 vehicles in the Coventry north parking lot.
- Information that they may be relocating to **Personal Info.** near the town of Metcalfe.
- Convoy supports continue to gather at **Personal Info.** in Arnprior despite the owner conveying his disapproval for protesters to use this site.
- As of 3:00 PM, it was reported that the Supply Convoy from Fort McMurray was in Arnprior. The OPS is trying to discourage them from going to Ottawa.
- Last night, convoy supporters convening at **Personal Info.** (Embrum) remain there likely due to inclement weather.

Ontario (as of 6:00PM February 19, 2021)

- Ambassador Bridge (Windsor) – POE open and flowing freely in both directions.
- Bluewater Bridge (Sarnia) – no passenger vehicles or commercial traffic delays.
- Highway 402 has reopened.

- Toronto:
 - TPS has noted an ongoing small protest taking place at Queen's Park. As of 1400, there were approximately 500 participants.
 - A possible protest in solidarity with Ottawa residents is scheduled at Toronto City Hall on Sunday, February 20, 2022.
 - TPS has closed University Ave between Dundas and College.
 - TPS continues to have Queen's Park Circle (between College St. and Bloor St.), Grosvenor St. (between Queen's Park Circle and Bay St.) and Wellesley St W. (between Bay St. and the entrance to the U of T campus) closed to prevent possible protest vehicles from attending the area.
- Cornwall – additional staffing at all POE's for the weekend. No activity during the day and none expected at this time.
- Thousand Island – nothing to report
- Johnstown – nothing to report
- Queenston/Lewiston Bridge – no demonstrators/demonstrations located.
- Peace Bridge – disorganized single vehicles/small groups in the area. No issues. High visible police presence. PLT has cleared the area.
- Thunder Bay – information suggests that a demonstration may occur in the near future a border crossings nearby.

Key Arrests:

- **Tamara LICH**
 - Arrested on 2022-02-17.
 - On 2022-02-18, she was charged with Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief.
 - LICH appeared in court on Saturday afternoon.
 - Bail hearing to be held on 2022-02-22.
- **Chris BARBER**
 - Arrested on 2022-02-18 and released on bail with the conditions to leave Ottawa within 24hrs, the province of Ontario by 2022-02-23, to abstain from publicly endorsing the convoy or have any contact with the organizers.
 - On 2022-02-18, he was charged with Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobeying a court order and Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstructing Police.
- **Personal Info.**
 - Turned himself in to police on 2022-02-18 and was subsequently arrested, interviewed, and released.
 - Information that since his release, **Persona** rejoined protesters downtown – filmed sharing hands, hugging and taking photos with people in the crowd (3:55PM).
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- **Pat KING**
 - Arrested on 2022-02-18.
 - Bail hearing to be held on 2022-02-22.

- On 2022-02-18, he was charged with Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Mischief, Counselling to Commit the Offence of Disobey Court Order (s.127), Counselling to Commit the Offence of Obstruct Police.
- **Personal Info.**
 - Arrested on 2022-02-19 after he detonated a smoke bomb.
- **Personal Info.**
 - Arrested on 2022-02-19 at the protest site downtown Ottawa.
 - **Personal Info.** also known as **Personal Info.** is an influential member of the far-right Diagon movement.
- **Personal Info.**
 - Arrested on 2022-02-19. Smoke grenade and fireworks were located in his vehicle.

Law Enforcement Actions under the Economic Emergency Measure Order (*Emergencies Act*)

- o 167 financial products have been frozen;
- o 57 entities have been disclosed;
- o 253 Bitcoin addresses have been shared with virtual currency exchangers, and;
- o One financial institution has proactively frozen the account of a payment processor to a value of \$3.8M.

Resources Deployed

- **There are currently 1184 personnel deployed for the Ottawa Command Assist OPS & Protective including POU and TSG.**
 - Ottawa Command Deployed: 660 in the following frontline capacity/job functions:
 - o Public Servants; General Duty; Traffic Control Points (TCP); Quick Response Teams (QRT) Vehicle-Mobile; Rapid Response Teams (RRT) Foot-Mobile; Prisoner Escort Teams (PET); Maintenance Plan-Perimeter; Command Element (A&P, Operations, Logistics, Mobilization)
 - Protective Policing Deployed: 216
 - Deployed Public Order/Tactical Support Groups/Emergency Response Team (Overwatch)
 - o OPS Assist: 204
 - POU: 159 – (O Div: 75; NatDiv: 40; K Div: 42; F Div 2)
 - o Protective: 59 – (Atlantic: 25; NatDiv: 12; 10 support from NatDiv; ODiv; C Div).
 - o **s.37**
 - o Emergency Response Team (ERT): 43 – (O Div: 19; NatDiv: 9; C Div: 8; F Div 2; B Div 2; TTS 3).
- **There are currently 190 RCMP members deployed in Windsor, 114 uniform members and 18 Emergency Response Members (ERT) and support, and 58 Tactical Services Group Members (TSG).**
 - All O Division members have returned from Windsor, however, DEOC has no visibility on how many Windsor Members may be supporting POJ in Windsor.
 - According to CIP reports, there are no outstanding protests in Windsor requiring our members.